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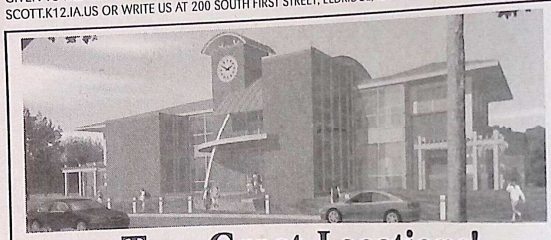

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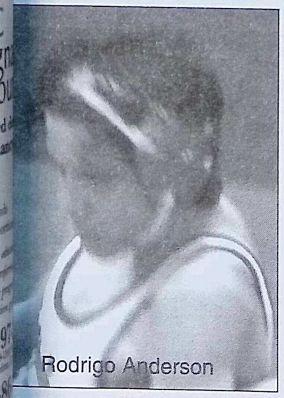
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Tsunami destroys southern Asia

Cate Watkins
REPORTER

A tsunami overtakes all in its path, leveling buildings, destroying homes, and shattering lives. The tsunami in the Indian Ocean did all of this, as well as claiming over 150,000 lives. As many as one third of that were children, and the death toll is still rising.

The damage done to the countries affected (including India, Sri Lanka, and Indonesia) was significant enough to require that the shore-lines and ports on maps now have to be redone, because they were altered. Also, there is fear that the Earth's orbit may have been affected, from the sudden shift in mass, forcing scientists to worry about future repercussions on world climates. In some area, the bodies of the dead have to be removed by the truckload, then put into hastily-dug mass graves, while children wander around without their parents.

Nations all over the world have joined forces to help gather money and other resources to aid the hardest hit areas. The two hardest hit countries were Indonesia and Sri Lanka, due to the low-lying coastal areas, having death tolls of 104,000 and 30,500 respectively. In comparison, there are smaller countries with death tolls as low as two deaths in Bangladesh. In other places, such as the Maldive Islands, twenty of the 199 islands that make up the country were totally destroyed.

Organizations involved in the relief efforts for the regions hit by the tsunami include the American Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity International, UNICEF, the Lutheran and Catholic funds, and Save the Children. Other countries are also putting together funds to help out, even going so far as to set aside debt payments from some countries in order to let the countries use those to help themselves.

Countries hit
Sri Lanka, Somalia, India, Bangladesh, Burma, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Maldives, Kenya, Tanzania

Organizations to Contact to Donate to Tsunami Relief Efforts

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http://www.redcross.org/donate/donate.html

American Red Cross
Disaster Relief Fund
P.O. Box 37243
Washington, D.C. 20013

UNICEF (United States) Online:
https://www.unicefusa.org

Student Government News

Courtney Pennel

Food Pantry
North Scott Student Government has voted to donate $1000 to the North Scott Food Pantry. The money will go towards buying food that will help the community. Thank you all again for your past support of the Hunger Drive.

Items for Wounded Soldiers
North Scott Student Government is supporting the efforts of a group from the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Davenport. When soldiers are wounded in battle, they are often airlifted to Landsthul Regional Medical Center in Germany. There they are treated for wounds and left to recover in the same clothes they were wearing while fighting. What can you do? How about letters of support? Just a few brief lines could go a long way in helping someone's recovery. If you are interested please see Ms. Mac in room A8.

Match Maker
Sick of being lonely? Want someone to "match" with? Well hopefully Match Makers will have all your answers. Don't worry they will be here before Valentine's Day so you don't have to spend it alone anymore. It will have your top 10 matches of the opposite sex in your grade and grades above/below you and your top 5 friends, along with some really cool stuff. You will be able to purchase them during your lunch periods for $2. Can't find $2, scrounge up the quarters because you could find your soul-mate and we all know love is priceless....

BC 2005
Who am I? My home city is New Orleans and my big month is February. Beads and masks are usually a good symbol of me. Purple, green, yellow and blue seem to be my colors and crazy people like to dress up in costumes and have a huge parade...if you guessed Mardi Gras by now you're right. The 2005 BC dance is going to have a Mardi Gras theme to it. Now do not get out of hand and think you need masks or beads and you need to do anything inappropriate to get beads. A Mardi Gras theme means is that the colors will of course be green, yellow, blue, and purple; the background for picture will somehow be related to Mardi Gras, and the gift will somehow be associated to the theme. Oh and do not forget the song–CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES..COME ON'. We will be rocking out to this song and many others on Saturday, February 26 from 8-11 p.m. in the one and only place–the Pit. Tickets will be on sale the week before the dance for $8 a piece. Sorry Ladies–but it is your turn to buy the tickets and ask the guys. So if you have not already got a date...go out and find one. We are hoping for a good turn out and please come and join the fun on February 26th with Music Connections, Mark's Place Photography, and your friends.

Blood Drive
Want to save a life? With out you and others, this year more than 4 million Americans would die without life-saving blood transfusions. Saving lives is in your blood...It is that time again so how about kicking spring off with a bang and save lives when you donate to the Student Government Blood Drive on March 30th, 2005. It will go from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Pit. If you are under 16 years of age–you cannot donate. If you are 16 years of age–you can donate with a signed permission sheet. If you are older than 16–you can donate on your own. Our goal is 125 pints so please sign up to donate because you can impact the lives of as many as 3 people with ONE blood donation!

Let them eat cake - auction tonight

Lindsey Epkes
REPORTER

There's almost nothing better than a North Scott basketball game in the PIT with hundreds of screaming fans and so much energy the PIT could explode. However, there is one thing that could make this all better... cake!

The annual cake auction hosted by the North Scott Athletic Boosters is January 28. The cakes will be on display in the commons and at half time in the Pit for the public and fans viewing and bidding. Cakes will be donated by various groups from around the area then the cakes in the commons will be silent auctioned off while the cakes in the pit will be auctioned off on the spot.

The cake auction is one of the social events of the season with the best and most creative cakes you'll ever see. So if the words frosting, sugar, or cake leave you craving some sweet treats then you should hurry over to the cake auction. Even if cake isn't your favorite desert its always entertaining to watch the sporting aspect of the night with the competing bids.

Pete Lanenhan shoots a jump shot against Assumption, Lancers won in overtime.
Staff Photo

January's top-ten amaze and bewilder

Brandon Williams
REPORTER

With a brand new year and brand new sources for odd news, this issue's list is bound to be one of the best yet. This month was especially hard to decide on the top ten, and most of the stories were very hard to turn down. But enough of the introduction, let's get to the stories

10. Jan 20. Body Odor can repel Mosquitoes
Researchers in London have found chemicals produced by the human body that repel mosquito. In an experiment, researchers were trying to figure out why some people are more likely to attract mosquitoes. They discovered that certain chemicals were found on people that didn't attract mosquitoes. The formula is secret for now, since they might release it as a bug repellent

9. Jan. 19 Bar Owner to Sell Christ on scooped Oyster
First a cheese sandwich, now an oyster. A 35-year old man selling an oyster shell that he believes looks like the face of Christ. He is even thinking about seeing if the Vatican might be interested in putting it into the museum.

8. Jan. 18 Sword used in robbery of McDonald's
Two disguised robbers used a samurai sword to rob a McDonald's in Winnipeg. At 5:30 a.m, the robbers drove up to the take-out window and pointed the sword inside. They proceeded to crawl inside the drive-in window. Swords and machetes are actually common weapons of criminals in Winnipeg.

7. Jan. 18 Man Blames crash on Imaginary Friend
A 70-year old man tried to blame a car accident on an imaginary friend after his car rolled over and ended up in a ditch. When police questioned him, he first stated that a woman he found in a bar had been driving. Later, when police found no evidence of a another person possibly being there, he said he had been driving.

Do you see the face of Christ? See Story number 9. Photo Courtesy of BBC

6. Jan. 13 Yahoo! It's a boy!
A Rumanian couple named their son Yahoo as a sign of gratitude for meeting over the internet. The child's full name is Lucian Yahoo Dragonman. That's probably enough said.

5. Jan. 16 Granny mistakes Superglue for Eyedrops
A 78-year old women in Australia accidentally put superglue in her eyes when she confused her eye drops with the glue. Nurses used vegetable oil to try to remove the glue that fused her eyelashes together.

4. Jan. 20 Pupils pay to Pee
A German school is in trouble for charging students to use the toilet. Students were given the option to use the older toilets in the school for free or pay 10 cents to use a new luxury toilet with marble wash basins.

3. Jan. 15 Toaster-related Deaths at an All-Time High
The World Organization of Statistics released information that states 45 people died in the world this year from toaster-related deaths. Strangely enough, toasters killed ten times more people then polio.

2. Jan. 10 266 pound man shot in Stomach and Lives
In Chile, A 33-year old bus driver who weighs 266 pounds was shot in the stomach when an armed man got into his bus and shot him in the stomach. Doctors say that the bullet lodged in his fat and didn't damage vital organs.

1. Jan.18 Toothbrush cut from Stomach after Two Decades
A medical team in Saudi Arabia removed a toothbrush that had been in a man's stomach for 22 years. The 70-year old man swallowed the toothbrush without realizing it, and just a few days before the surgery did he feel any pain. How a person could swallow a toothbrush and not realize it is something I'd like to know.

So that's the top ten for this issue. Keep on reading, and the top ten will keep on lists will keep on going.

Brew and View

Kayla McCubbin
REPORTER

If the cinemas bore you with cliché Hollywood blockbusters, and you would rather see groundbreaking independent or foreign films, then check out Brew and View.

This small theatre, located in the District of Rock Island, plays movies that aren't played at the mainstream movie theatres until they become dark horse hits, if they are played at all. Examples of such movies include Shaun of the Dead, Bowling for Columbine, and the re-release of a new cut of Donnie Darko. Many films shown at the establishment have received a lot of credibility at places such as the Cannes Film Festival. The Quad Cities is a bit lacking in places to view "cultured" films. Brew and View is pretty much it, unless you count giant IMAX versions of space voyages narrated by Tom Cruise.

Films shown at Brew and View might not appeal to everyone (or, dare I say, a vast majority). If you enjoyed such movies as Elephant, Michael Moore films, Shaun of the Dead, Super-size Me, or popular foreign films such as Amelie, then this movie theatre will play a film that appeals to you. My suggestion is to do a little research on the film that is playing, and find out if it is similar to any other films that you enjoy.

A tricky part about Brew and View is that their movies change about every week (similar to the Dewitt Operahouse), and so do the days and the times they show the films. You can find all this information out by calling Brew & View's phone number. Another bonus, less expensive than the regular movie theatre.

"cultured movies" and cheap prices offer a refreshing alternative to Cinema 53

Starbucks Coffee opens...finally

Although high priced, is there really a better coffee around?

Staff Photo

The new long-awaited Starbucks opened! It is everything its fans wished for and more. The coffee tastes a million times better than the one at Barnes & Noble. If you have trouble tasting the difference between coffees, you will still definitely notice the difference between the two. In my opinion, the new Starbucks skinny mocha is only rivaled by the ones at Theo's.

The store, located in Duck Creek Plaza, has many of the same delicious bakery items as the one at Barnes and Noble or Target. The new store you can enjoy the Starbucks atmosphere. The ordering area appears to be rather small to accommodate proper seating for so many guests, but this way leads to more seating.

The menu is great, and each drink can be made to your liking. Most drinks come with them are made with whole milk, but if desired they can be made with skim, soy, or 2% milk (Just to name a few).

The décor is very modern and simple. It has a cozy feel to it. The hidden patio also is a bonus, due to the fact that conversations or studying doesn't have to be interrupted by noisy orders, blenders or steamers.

Starbucks is at least worth a try to see what the nation-wide craze is about. If you aren't a coffee fan, then at least try a Frappaccino. Who doesn't love those?

Live music entertains crowd at Theo's Java Club

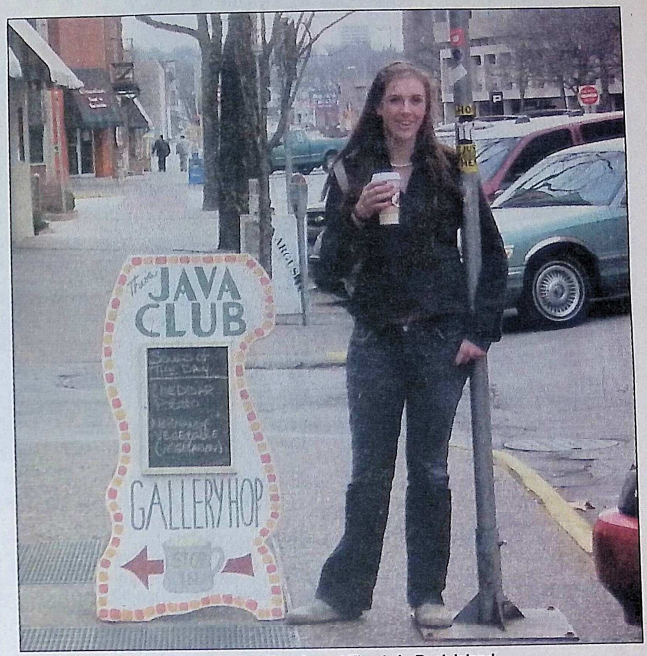
Kayla McCubbin
REPORTER

Theo's- This coffee shop is lesser known than Starbucks, but anyone who's visited this Rock Island haven have trouble staying away from it. The across the river jaunt is barely a hindrance after thinking about their amazing mocha lattes. On occasional Friday nights, the café also welcomes local bands to entertain the always bustling crowd.

I recently had the pleasure of seeing the band Shakespeare Jones perform. The stage is set up in the smoking room of Theo's, so patrons can watch the band from their booths. Rather than listening to a band play, it's more like hanging out and talking to your friends with a band in the background, where you sometimes join in if you know the music. If there is a band you want to see it's a good idea to get there early since there's limited seating. Late nights on weekends are always packed and it is often difficult to find somewhere to sit that isn't covered in trash from the last group sitting there.

The whole environment is laid-back and great place to just hang out for an hour or two after getting off work. Theo's is open until 10 on weekdays and midnight on weekends. After going to Theo's on a regular basis, regulars become apparent. The workers at the store know many of their patrons by names.

To get to this swell coffee shop, take the Centennial Bridge across the river and make a left at the first stoplight. Go straight at the next stop sign you see and turn left at the one after that. The building will be on your right side. Whether going to see a band or just to get something to eat (I strongly recommend the blueberry orange muffins) and drink, enjoy yourself. It is quite the experience.



All ages enjoy the live music and gallery hop at Theo's in Rock Island.

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Fireworks coffee and atmosphere is a blast

Kayla McCubbin
REPORTER

Fireworks-If you're searching for a Valentine's present for a family member or two, a hand-painted piece of art might be the way to go. At Fireworks, a Moline based paint-it-yourself pottery place; there are hundreds of ceramic items to choose from. A nice gift for your mom could be a set of cups and plates hand-painted by you. Since it's both thoughtful and creative, I'll be she'll forget all about that bombed chemistry test.

Although prices may get a little steep, fireworks offers several deals throughout the year. Examples of such would be a Christmas in July with a free drink from their café or no studio fee on certain nights. Even if you do pay full price, your item will last for a long time, unless it's dropped or something like that. So it is a good investment, and a fun memory to have. Girls, if you can convince your boyfriend to go, then paint something together as a cute reminder of your date.

Not an artist? Don't worry. They have simple items that are practically impossible to mess up on. Painting a bowl blue is pretty safe. On the other end of the spectrum, for the artsy types, there's more detailed items, such as animal figurines. Another possibility is to choose a simple item such as a plate and treat it as a blank canvas and let your imagination run wild. Pottery painting can be fun for anyone who enjoys art, whether they are good at it or not.

The business also has a café with sandwiches and pastries, and a coffee bar, which serves its beverages in their own hand-painted mugs. This is a neat aspect, even though it might make your own creation look a little inadequate. Live music is also sometimes scheduled. There's never been any bands playing while I've been there, but while driving past once, I saw a man in a sparkly vest playing the saxophone. It certainly looked interesting enough.

I suggest visiting Fireworks on a cold winter day, either with a group of friends or maybe use it as a way to bond with your mom. You can talk while you paint, enjoy a hot chocolate and a muffin and end the day with a new piece of artwork to stick on a shelf somewhere.

Schild brothers join Marines

Andrew Mitchell

SPORTS EDITOR

Most seniors can't wait to get out of high school to experience the wonderful freedoms of life. Events like college, work and life on your own include our first taste of real freedom. Not many of us plan to enter into a life of complete obedience.

This is the route that North Scott grad Seth Schild took just a few weeks ago. On Saturday, January 15 at the Princeton Community Center, friends, family, former teachers and even some caring community members gathered to say good bye and good luck to Seth.

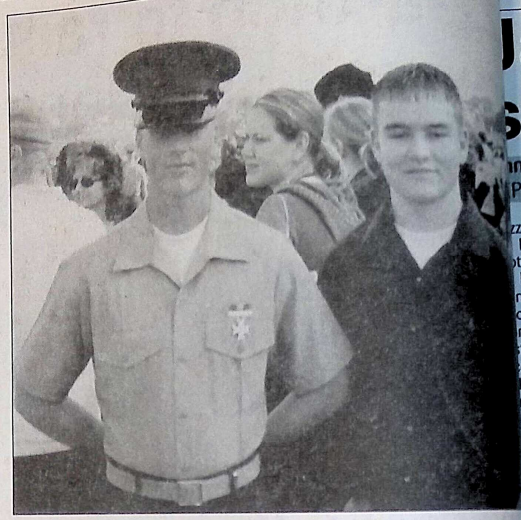
On being scared, Seth said, "No, but I'm not on the bus yet am I? It's weird when something you've wanted for so long can make you so nervous."

On Monday Seth boarded the bus to begin his journey. Over the next 12 weeks he will be learning to be a Marine, hopefully not the hard way, but if I know Seth it might be.

Don't be too worried because he isn't exactly marching into this experience blindfolded. He has received some brotherly advice from his brother Tyler Schild, who is currently deployed in Iraq.

Tyler started his military life back on Oct. 13 in 2003 and wasn't sent into action until September 5, 2004. On joining the marines, Seth said, "I've always wanted to get into law enforcement. There's no law enforcement group higher than the marines. Plus we are the toughest men on the planet."

Once again Seth finds himself on the same path as big brother Tyler. Tyler is hoping for a position in either the FBI or the CIA. "Tyler is very interested in homeland security," commented father Terry Schild.



After graduating from Marine Corps Basic Training, Tyler Schild stands with his br
Seth who will soon join him in military service.

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Seth begins his line of duty in sunny, beautiful San Diego. Don't start drooling in envy for Seth yet though. He will be forced to endure grueling test of physical ability and mental strength.

As soon as he has completed boot camp private Schild will break off into a specialty field where instructors believe he will excel. Seth won't be completely finished with training until about mid June.

When his time comes though, Seth will eventually do Tyler one better. Due to recently passed legislation, Seth will serve five years active duty instead of the four Tyler signed on for. Then, both brothers will serve four years in reserve.

Tyler is scheduled to return home t on March 17.

It seems that the motto of the U.S Semper Fidelis, meaning "Alway means a little more in the Schild h told me he now feels closer to his br than ever. Which is unique seeing h now farther apart than ever.

Brothers by birth and now brother form. Two North Scott grads serving in the defense of our great nation.

Thanks guys, and take care of yours

Who or whom will read-up on their gramma

Ross Jallo

GRAMMAR GURU

"Where's it at?"
"Who are you going with?"
"Where're you from?"

Chances are you've heard one of these questions at least once in your life. Actually, chances are you've heard them every day, from nearly everyone. I'm willing to bet you've actually said one of them yourself, haven't you? Yes, you have. Well, they're wrong. That's right--you have been making the same mistake possibly every day of your life since you learned to talk. My friend, you've been putting a preposition at the end of a sentence. This should not be. You see, prepositions are words that help show relationship between things, such as location. For some reason (don't ask me why), it is incorrect in the English language to end a sentence with a preposition. But don't despair--there is a way you can still say the same thing but be grammatically correct. Observe the following example:

"Where is it?"
"With whom are you going?"
"From where are you?"

Now, I admit, those last two sound even to me. But they're RIGHT. Bes not as if you're saying any more syll your mouth, it's the same amount of please, excuse me if I strangle the nex I hear say "Where's it at?"

Jazz-a-thon to raise money, showcase student talent

ny Flater
PORTER

zz-a-thon, the jazz band's biggest fundraiser, be on Saturday, January 29. The North tt Jazz Bands and the band Shade of Blue, be performing in the band room to raise ney for the May Jazz Concert featuring ording trombonist, Wycliffe Gordon. Jazz-a- n will begin at 1:30pm, and there will be no t to enter. However, donations will be epted gratefully.

Last year, approximately $2000 was raised m the Jazz-a-thon, and this will be the sec- d year for the Jazz-a-thon, as well as the iting Artists Program.

t's not easy for students around here to hop a car and drive to Chicago to listen to jazz sts, so this [the visiting artists program] is d of a way for us to bring the music to the dents," said Mike McMann, Jazz 1 director. 'It kind of kicks off the jazz fundraising thing, e kids will be going to business to try and e money. We usually lose money with the iting Artists program," said McMann.

To help with this finance shortage, North ott Jazz Band has invited Shade of Blue to w crowds at this year's Jazz-a-thon. Shade Blue is a small band that started in 1989 and ys R&B, Funk, and Jazz. The members of the nd are Dave Rosazza (guitar, vocals), Sean aton (keyboard, vocals), Ken Fullard (bass), tt Bernemann (drums), Lynn Hart (saxes), and Mike McMann (trombone). "We have a couple CDs out," said McMann, "it's just a kind of... fun group."

Jazz-a-thon is a way to showcase the jazz bands and what they've been working on. "When the jazz bands play, some of the songs will be polished and some will be the 2nd time out of their folders," told McMann. Certain songs played by the NSHS jazz bands will be up to concert-performing status, while others will still need some touch-ups to be concert-ready.

Come and get your groove on at the Jazz-a-thon tomorrow! It's sure to be a great time.

Jeff Wolf, Matt Klever, Jared Proctor play away on the trumpet, while Christine Lammers, Ben Brabant, Chris Cuellar, and Jennifer Flater are featured below.

Staff Photo

owa born Carson dies of emphysema

ndsey Epkes
EPORTER

Sadly on January 23, 2005 Johnny Carson, nerica's comedian of the heartland and BC's "king of late night" passed away.

ohnny Carson, the beloved talk show host of BC's Tonight Show for thirty years passed ay Sunday at the age of seventy-nine due to s emphysema illness. With no other like hnny Carson the loss of this comedic genius t millions mourning his death and celebrating s life. From black and white to color televi- on, from the sixties throughout the early neties Johnny saw it all. Over 20,000 guest appeared on the show over its thirty years; enough guests according to MSNBC to fill an eight mile long couch. From the small town Americans to Hollywood's A list, Johnny interviewed them all and made the country smile every night before turning in for the night. In fact, the Tonight Show was such an American staple that, at one point, the show attributed for seven Áteen percent of NBC's total revenue. When Johnny finally retired in 1992 over 50 million viewers tuned in to say goodbye to the "king of late night."

Born in Iowa and raised in Nebraska Johnny had the Midwest boyish charm that America adored. Whether he was being attacked by anxious animals, foretelling the future as Carnac the Magnificent, or cracking jokes, Johnny quickly became America's favorite late-night host. Even after his heartfelt goodbye in May of 1992, Johnny continued to humor us whenever his jokes made David Letterman's late night show. Perhaps Johnny's favorite protégé, David Letterman, expressed his feelings towards Johnny's passing best when he stated, "Every night I think, how would Johnny do it?"

Even though Americans are enduring the second and final goodbye to Mr. Carson, its obvious that his legacy and memory won't ever fade from the hearts of his audiences.

FES wrestling hits North Scott

Jessica Zeimet/Abby Dickinson
REPORTERS

When foreign exchange students arrived at North Scott High School in August, they have great opportunities to start in any extracurricular activities they wish to pursue. Rodrigo Anderson, 17 a native from Brazil, decided to try something new and join the wrestling team.

Wrestling not being a popular past-time for most of the high school students in Brazil, Rodrigo took the chance any ways to see if he would enjoy it. Normally Brazil is known for their soccer expertise, not their wrestling ability. "It's my first year ever wrestling and it's hard for me, but I enjoy the sport and the guys on the team." Having some background in activities that could improve the moves like kickboxing and jiu jitsu made the experience a , little easier on his body. With wrestling being a very difficult sport to stay involved in, trying to maintain weight, and stay healthy at the same time. "It was kind of easy for me because I did kickboxing since I was 12 years old, and I did jiu jitsu for 5 months; they are similar." Rodrigo was a fast learner when it came to learning the procedures and rules to wrestling here at North Scott, only taking him a few weeks to get the basics of the sport.

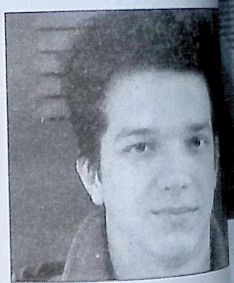
Rodrigo enjoyed getting to be a part of the team and has a record of 3-3, wrestling for the JV team. If he doesn't wrestle at a meet he is still happy for being there cheering on his fellow teammates. Just being there is fun to be a part of a team and working together at practice. "I just like to Cwatch the meets and have fun,"

Foreigh Exchange Student Rodrigo Anderson grapples at one of his first Americ wrestling meets.

Rodrigo says, "This season has been really fun. We don't have much wrestling in Brazil, but I am going to get back into kickboxing when I get home."

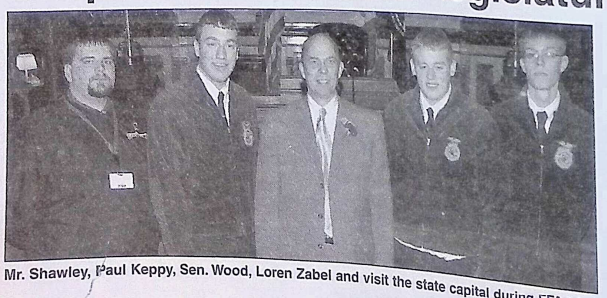
Starting the season with a vague idea of the concept of wrestling, Rodrigo is almost done with the season and now has a full experience in watching his weight and working hard here at North Scott. Having practice every day after school and meets at least once a week, Rodrigo took a lot of time out of his life here in the United States since wrestling has started, "It was worth the time and effort on my part."

The season is almost over, and the Lancers are preparing for the chance to qualify for state, Rodrigo is right with them, thrilled to get to go watch state wrestling and continue being part of the team this season.



Rodrigo Anderson Staff P

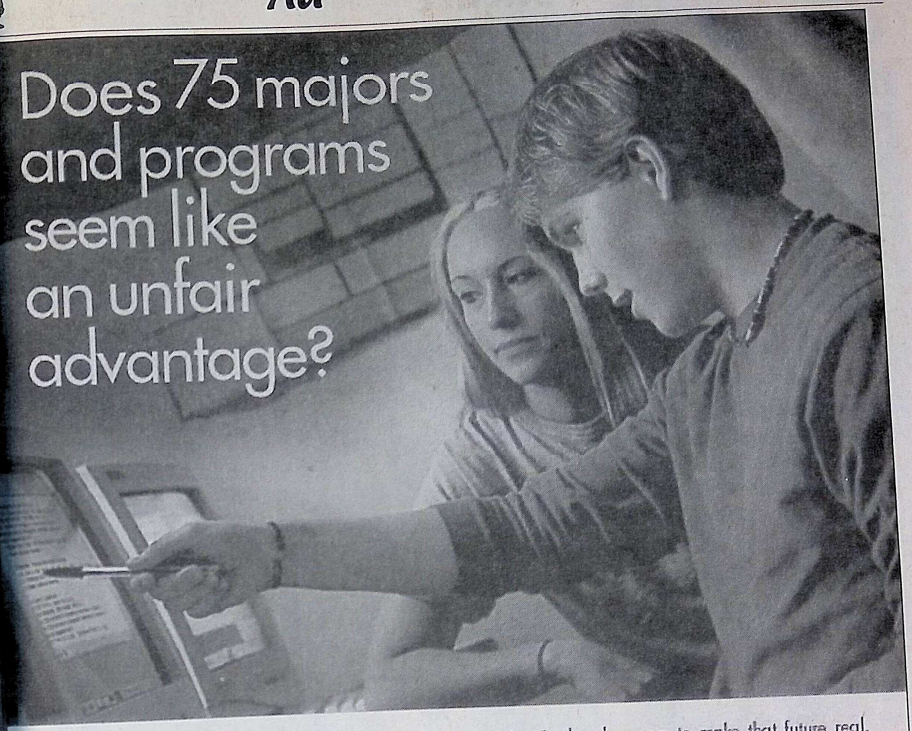
Snapshots from state legislature Des Moine



Mr. Shawley, Paul Keppy, Sen. Wood, Loren Zabel and visit the state capital during FFA trip.

Jen Nefzger, here with Sen. Wood this semester working as a page

Does 75 majors and programs seem like an unfair advantage?



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Feature

Cast of "Joseph" preps for opening

Cate Watkins

REPORTER

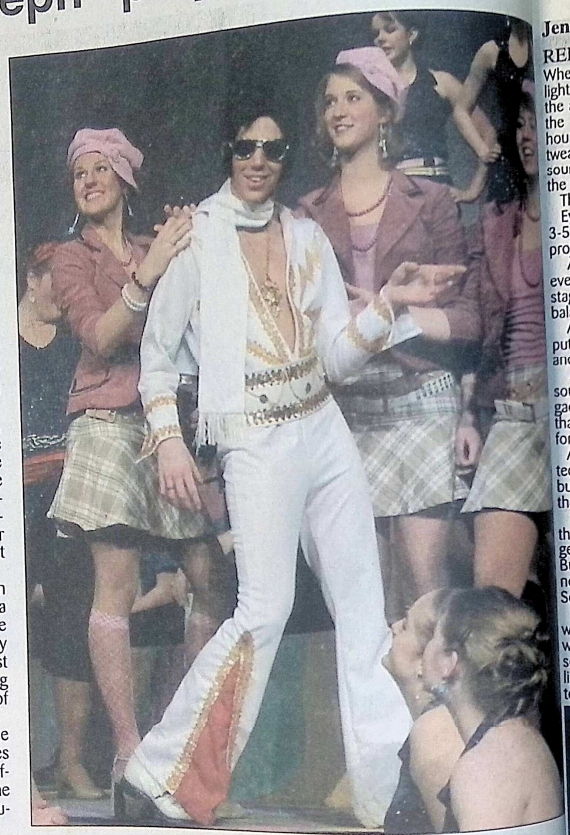
The newest high school play, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, officially opens on February 4. The winter play includes a large cast of over sixty members, with guest appearances from junior high students to help round out the cast.

Senior Nate Meyer will play the lead role, Joseph, and this will be his last high school musical before graduating. Meanwhile, Dr. Tim Dose, who stepped in after a couple of cast members dropped the play, will play the role of Jacob. Several roles had to be shifted by the directors when two members dropped, both of who were in major roles (such as the Pharaoh and one of the twelve brothers).

The first play is on Friday, February 4, 2005, and starts at 7:30. The ticket price is 3$ for students, and 8$ for adults. The whole play is a musical, meaning there are no dialogues- just music. During the second week, there will also be dinner theatre, where patrons get to have dinner served before attending the play. The cost for this is 18$

The play is set during Biblical times, even though all the clothing is modern, in a punk, hip-hop style, and Ms. Mac made the amazing Dreamcoat itself. The play has all of the music department's greatest talents, including some of the graduating seniors. This will be the last play some of them will be in.

Come to the play! Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat promises to be lots of fun and excitement, with different styles of music in the acts. Come see they play and support your fellow students!



Above: Dan Coffman strikes an Elvis-esque p in his role as Pharaoh "Joseph" with narrator Andrea Krebs, Addie Campbell and Meckenz Husske by his side. Left: Sam Reth and Jo Haugland strike poses brother Joe (Nate Mey Staff Ph

Techies do it (work, that is) backstage

Jennifer Flater

REPORTER

When it comes to a theatrical aspect, the spotlight and glory of a performance always goes to the actors. But what about the people behind the stage? The ones that spend countless hours building the set, positioning the lights, tweaking each microphone as well as the other sound equipment, working the curtains, and the list goes on and on...

These folks are known as the Techies.

Every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 3-5, the techies meet backstage to work on projects to prepare for a performance.

A lot goes into teching that most wouldn't ever imagine. For instance... 75 feet above the stage is something called the grid, which is a balance system for the curtains to hang on.

Also... below the grids are the catwalks. To put it very simply, they hold the microphones and lights.

Another example... the spotlight booth and sound board. To vaguely explain, these are big gadgets with a bunch of buttons and switches that program the sounds and lights for the performance.

All these things are just a tiny part of what the techies deal with. They are quite the creative bunch that deserves more recognition than they receive.

"The best part about being a techie would be the freedom... and the power tools, as well as getting to know people and making friends. But I guess the bad part would be that there's no glory; no one recognizes us," explained Tim Scheetz, senior.

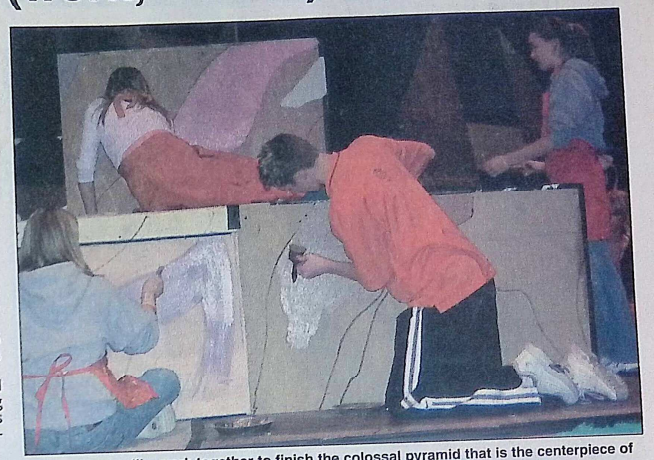
The techies start working on the set many weeks before a performance. Around 1 1/2 weeks before the first show, the lighting will be set. It takes roughly 15 hours to adjust the lights. Adam Bader, senior, is usually the one to do this. Approximately 4 rehearsal performances before the opening show they will set everything for the sounds.

"You have to want to work, but it's really fun, too. There's something for everyone," said Jill Noel, junior, "if you don't like building, then you cant paint. If you don't like painting then you can learn to do the rigging and sound board or light board."

All this, and so much more, is what the techies do. There couldn't be a performance onstage without all of the work that they accomplish backstage and behind the scenes.

"I'm not the strongest person, so the heavy lifting can be a problem. Like, sometimes we have to pick up the whole set and move it somewhere. I just leave the lifting for the boys," explained Noel.

Perhaps time should be taken to meet the techies. Congratulate the actors and techies. They deserve as much credibility as the actors!



Cast and crew alike work together to finish the colossal pyramid that is the centerpiece of "Joseph's" set.

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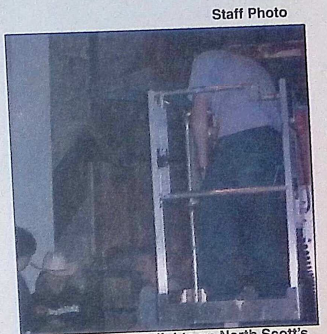

Mystery Man works lights on North Scott's Genie

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Krista Schaub makes time consuming preparations for Joseph's set

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If you're interested...

What: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Who: Lancer Productions featuring a cast of 50+

Where: North Scott High School Fine Arts Auditorium

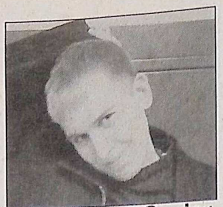
When: February 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12

How much: 4$ for students, 7$ for adults

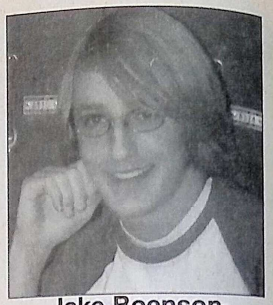
North Scott's dateless wonders give it their best shot

With lame lines like these, it's no wonder the guys are our "Dateless Wonders."

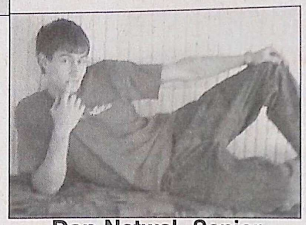
Tyler Russle--Junior
"Got any raisins? How 'bout a date?"



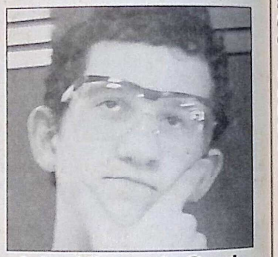
Ross Jallo--Senior
"So, who's your favorite post-modern author?"



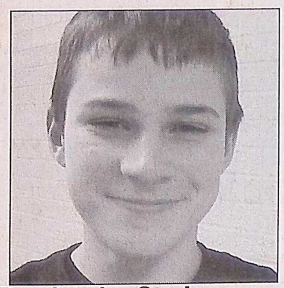
Jake Boenson-Freshman
"How you doin'?"



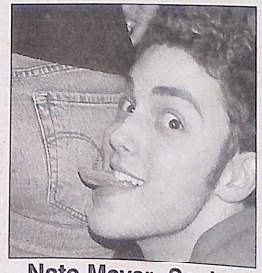
Dan Netwal--Senior
"How old are you? 18? 16? Eh, works for me"



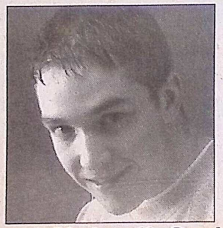
Jake Kimmel--Soph.
"You must be a parking ticket because you have fine written all over you."



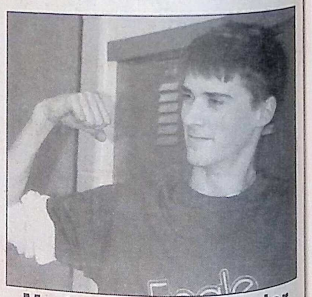
Ben Lewis--Sophomore
"Do it." (Obscure Starsky and Hutch reference)



Nate Meyer--Senior
"Yo quiero tu bod."



Chad Christoff--Senior
I heard chick dig smart kids...



Mark Petersma--Senior
"Chicks dig band guys...right?"

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Predictions for Video Games and enhancements this Year

Jarrod Traub
REPORTER

Well, this year is looking to be one of the most interesting for the video game industry. Here are just a few highlights and predictions:

1. Look for Take-Two Interactive, the developers of the NBA and NFL 2K sports series, to push their rights to ESPN to the fullest. Electronic Arts bought the exclusive rights to ESPN and the NFL. This is probably the last NFL game published by SEGA for at least 5 years, but they might still release football games without the NFL license.

2. There are a few consoles coming out this year. Playstation is supposed to release their new handheld, the Playstation Portable, in March. Chances are it will sell pretty well, but Nintendo will still own the market if history repeats itself like the Nokia Ngage.

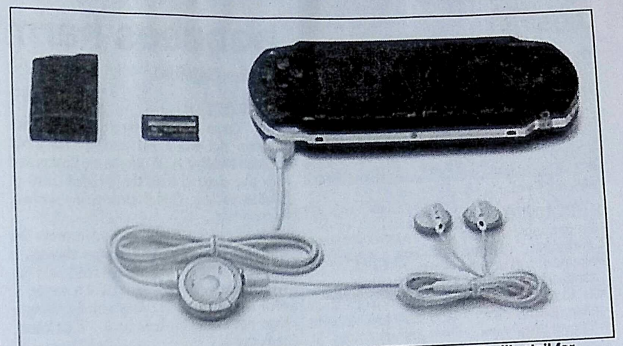
3. Expect Microsoft to take over Sony's spot as the most popular console in the world. Although the Xbox is huge in the U.S., its success outside has been limited.

4. There should be an increase of games with special controllers involving physical movement. This year's Consumer Electronics Show had an area specializing in these games, and it turned out to be a big hit. Two of the highlights included the popular dance game Dance Dance Revolution, and a controller called the Kilowatt that has 4 foot joysticks controlled by the arms.

5. Recently there has been talk from Electronic Arts about making a TV show based off the hit game series The Sims. Chances are that it won't happen, but you never can be sure.

6. There is a possibility that Nintendo's next-generation system, Revolution, might be released near the end of the year. They haven't announced a date, but it would be the smartest choice, since the PS3 and the next XBOX are scheduled for 2006. It is almost certain though that the Revolution will have online capabilities.

Other then that, this year should be pretty normal: All the Tom Clancy games will have sequels, Nintendo will have another hard year, Koei will release 10 Dynasty Warriors games and never change the engine, nearly every cartoon movie will have a terrible game, and Electronic Arts will continue its plans to rule the world.



Playstations new portable hand-held console. Debuts in March 2005 and will retail for about $200.

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2005 gadgets, gizmos will shock you

The new iPod revolutionized the way we listen to portable music--and how much we pay for it.

Internet Photo

Kaity Moss
REPORTER

The new year brings new gadgets and gizmos for all of you technology gurus. At this years Consumer Electronics Show in Chicago thousands of new electronics were shown off in hopes of making it big for this upcoming year.

There is a new radio made by Panasonic built just for you workout-aholics. It is a SW-110V that has a FM radio, 256MB of memory and a lap timer built all in one.

Samsung just came out with their newest digital music player that has a camera included. It is the smallest camera/music player made in the world. It has a very small color screen that displays the pictures you take.

Toshiba has just come out with a new camcorder that dosen't use any tape. It records video right into a tiny hard drive. It can hold up to two hours of quality video.

I'm sure you've all heard about HDTV. Well have your heard of HD radio? iBiquity HD makes FM radio sound as clear as a CD, and what about that fuzzy AM radio, well fear no more--because with HD radio it sounds just like your FM stations! Radio stations all over the country are now starting to broadcast in HD.

If you were one of the many lucky people who received an iPod this year for Christmas, did you know that now you can get them personally customized? You are able to buy from a large range of stick on tattoos to make your iPod reflect you. You can get them premade or order them from an online store.

So, save your money and hit the stores for all the new technology of 2005!

Sean Flack
REPORTER

Every couple of years there's a new obsession. Carebears, Beanie Babies, Giga-Pets, Pokemon, and now it's Xanga.

Xanga isn't a cuddly beanbag animal or a monster that you catch with a ball. Xanga is an online journal that people can use to write whatever they want. From journal entries, to poetry, to movie reviews, anything is fair game. Xanga is defiantly more popular compared to its rival LiveJournal.

Not everyone is in love with Xanga; a lot of people argue that writing about your life on the internet is dumb, dangerous, and unsafe. While this is may be true, it's a little exaggerated. If you're worried about people stalking you on aim, just don't post your aim name on your site or just block the person who instant messages you. It's that simple.

There's not really anything you can do for local people that could stalk you except for contacting the local authorities. That reason is probably a good reason to stop using xanga but seriously. The chance of having a stalker who actually stalks you is pretty low. But with that being said, I would never post my social security number or anything too too personal. There's just some thing that you shouldn't write. Such as deep deep dark secret that your friend told you, or your social security number as stated above.

Xanga's are a fun way to write about your day and help you relieve some stress. It's good to get your feelings out and with technology becoming more and more a part of our life, typing on Xanga is a lot easier than writing on paper with a pencil. People can look at you in a different way too if that's the angle you're going for. You can join blogrings also which are groups of Xanga's that are together for a certain topic such as Starbucks or Napoleon Dynamite. People can also leave comments on your site. This is a fun thing, because you know that people have read your entry for the day and now they have something to comment about. Plus it's interesting to see what they say.

So for all the people who say they don't care about the persons life and things like that. Just chill out and don't read the xanga then. No one's forcing you to. As Danna Wulf likes to say "Xanga is for dorks." Well if that's the case, then there is millions and millions of dorks worldwide.

Huge salaries, signing bonuses harmful to baseball

Andrew Mitchell
SPORTS EDITOR

The "Curse of the Bambino" has finally been broken. But what if that wasn't the curse that needed breaking at all? Maybe the Boston Red Sox just suffered from the dreaded curse of shallow pockets. Or the feared penny pinching curse.

After decades of the hated rivalry between the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees, a one sided rivalry at that, Boston finally won the World Series. The way they did it however, is what is so incredible. They won by taking a page out of the Yankees book. Their check book that is.

When lately the term win at all costs has seemed to take on an entirely different meaning. When it used to stand for, hard work and determination with your team will bring you the glory, it has recently changed to "Fork over the cash boss, we need some more hardware."

We have all heard the saying, " You got to spend money to make money," but come on this is getting ridiculous.

The New York Yankees' General Manager, Brian Cashman, just made his latest big name transaction by signing pitcher Randy Johnson. Johnson will receive up to 40 million dollars over the next three years.

Granted it is probably a little easier to burn through that kind of money when your using someone else's checkbook. However with this contract the Yankees 2005 payroll was pushed up and over 200 million dollars.

This is getting insane, but the spending does not stop here.

Baseball started to see this spending problem get out of hand in recent years so they have begun implementing rules to distract owners from big name shopping sprees. Passed recently was the salary cap tax. The tax says, teams are allowed to spend 127 million dollars as freely as they want. After that organizations are charged 40% on every dollar over the allotted amount.

In 2005 only the Yankees, Red Sox and Anaheim Angels will be forced to pay the tax. These teams sound vaguely familiar to most sports fans. These are winners of 3 of the last 5 championships.

The Yankees who break the cap more frequently then any team will be paying 40% on the 73 million dollars they went over the cap. There are 11 teams in the league who have payrolls currently under 73 million dollars, the amount New York went over their spending limit.

This excessive spending will eventually end up paying close to 300 million dollars this year for their 25 man roster. This comes out to approximately 12 million dollars per player. This in contrast with the 3.4 million per person the Toronto Blue Jays will pay in 2005.

Money is being spent faster than it can be made it seems. 31 of the 78 free agents this year were given contracts worth more then ten million dollars a year. Which drives the question, "Is this really good for the game?"

When did baseball change from the best group of players together for an extended time to whatever team can spend the most money in a given year?

Access denied, denies students

Tom Pearce
REPORTER

Access Denied. How many times can you see this in one day? 5 times? 10 times? 50? Trying to protect us from seeing inappropriate things is one thing, but when the administrators start blocking things like video games and e-mail. Now in theory, this is suppose to help kids not misuse their Internet time, it feels like it is more of hassle than anything else.

Kids all over the school look up different topics everyday. And everyday kids have topics blocked…even though they are completely harmless. I have had to do reports on video games, only to have them be blocked at school. Why? All I want to do is look up information about video games and the effects it has, just to be told that is blocked. Is it really that hard for teachers to get up once in a while to see if students are doing what they are suppose to be doing instead of playing the games.

One of the things that could change is if a student is caught doing something on the computer at school, they lose the privilege to use the computer for a while. I think this way would be easier to keep control of kids who use the computer

Always a rebel, Tom Pearce keeps his cell phone close by. Photo: Dan Schaub

Cell phones must go

Brandon Williams
REPORTER

The first few times, the ring of a cell phone is understandable. But why is it that in the middle of the year, when all of us should be used to school(except a few very slow freshmen), that cell phones are still a problem? In what situation is a cell phone a necessity?

Every single reason a person could give can be solved without the cell phone. Some say that they keep it in case they get in an accident in a car. Then why can't you leave the phone in the car?

In case some people haven't realized yet, nearly every room in the school already has a phone. If you can't use the school's phone, then it probably isn't important . It's understandable that people would like to talk to their friends, but there is always after class.

Fortunately for cell phone users, most teachers have been lenient against cell phones. This is kind of surprising, since people have used cell phones to cheat on tests.

The bottom line is that cell phones have no place in school. If for some reason there is a need for one (though I doubt it), keep it in your locker and silence it. Take the batteries out if you need to. Just don't force us to listen to another one of those terrible ring tones.

HOT	NOT
-Seniors not making up snow days	-Icy Parking Lot
-Girls Basketball	-Not going to B.C.
-Eligible Bachelors	-The Yankees having more money than God
-Sean Flack on the Lance (and his new haircut)	-Fat Albert
-Napoleon Dynamite	-Not doing Limericks
-MP3 Players	-Lindsay Lohan's voice (but not the rest)
-Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat	

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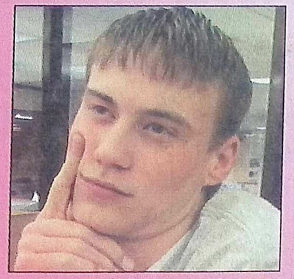
What do you think of the new school lunch schedule?

"It's more packed and some people don't have anywhere to sit". - **Claire Schneckloth**

"I eat too fast, so I have 20 minutes to do nothing". **- Issac White**



"I like them because they are longer." **Mike Schwanz**

"There are too many people, and it's stupid." - **Kayla Denner**

Senior Spotlight

Jessica Larssen
Cheerleading

Birthday: January 27, 1987
Parents: Marcia and Steve Larssen
Siblings: Eric Larssen
Pets: Nike
Favorite after school snack: ice cream
First NS elementary school crush: didn't to to NS
Best friend ever: Lindsey Epkes or Emily Schultz
Worst trouble you ever got in: getting home late after the drive in and grounded for a week

...e Holiday: Christmas
...ite Ice Cream flavor: Mississippi Mud
...t is your life's theme song: "Live like you were dying"
...o to live by: "Laughter is a tranquilizer with no side effects."
...t memorable moment: Every one of Lindsey's Christmas parties
...t embarrassing Moment: Being chosen for senior spotlight after I dropped ...ening
...bies: skiing and scrapbooking
...ite Color: blue
...ite Movie: "50 First Dates"
...ite actor/actress: Adam Sandler
...t admired person: my mom
...rite Cartoon Character:
...ities at North Scott: SADD, drama, choir and cheerleading
...e after North Scott: biomedical engineer

Nathan Meyer
Performing Arts

Birthday: June 23, 1986
Parents: Mark and Beth Meyer
Siblings: Christine, Diane, and Karen
Pets: none
Favorite after school snack: popcorn
First NS elementary school crush: Kim McCabe
Worst trouble you ever got in: ?
Favorite Holiday: Christmas
Favorite Ice Cream flavor: vanilla

- What is your life's theme song: ?
- Quote to live by: "Bach gave us God's Word; Mozart gave us God's laughter; Beethoven gave us God's fire; God gave us music that we might pray without words."
- Most memorable moment: Performing GOOSPELL at the State Thespian Festival and in Lincoln, NE.
- Most embarrassing Moment: Everyday in Beatty's class.
- Hobbies: Theatre, singing, watching movies, making home videos
- Favorite Color: Green
- Favorite Movie: Dodgeball
- Favorite actor/actress: Ben Stiller/Drew Barrymore
- Most admired person: My mom
- Fav. Cartoon Character: Elroy
- Favorite "Friends" Character: Monica
- Activities at North Scott: Choir, Show Choir, Jazz Choir, Theatre, National Honor Society, Speech
- Life after North Scott: Go to college, major in music performance

Katy Boll
Basketball

Birthday: July 2, 1987
Parents: Kathy and Dan Boll
Siblings: Melissa (20) and Ryal (15)
Pets: Two dogs Fred and Dogger, a fish Sally and many cats
Favorite after school snack: pop and peanut butter M&Ms
Best friend ever: Kayla Sibert
Worst trouble you ever got in: everyday in S.T.
Favorite Holiday: Christmas

...rite Ice Cream flavor: Cookie dough
...t is your life's theme song: I can only imagine
...o to live by: A true friend never gets in the way unless you happen to be going down.
...t memorable moment: Going to state two years ago
...bies: basketball, hanging out with friends
...rite Color: Pink
...rite Movie: Coach Carter
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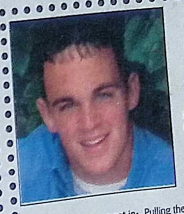


Dave Kietzman
Basketball

Birthday: April 30, 1986
Parents: Bill and Judy Kietzman
Siblings: Jeff (21)
Pets: Dempsey (dog)
Favorite after school snack: Hot dogs with mayo and bbq sauce
First NS elementary school crush: Trisha Humlick
Best friend ever: My brother

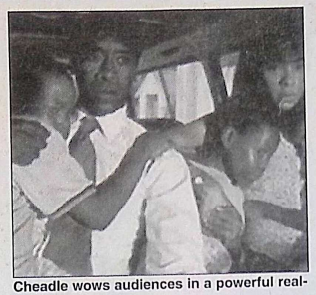
- Worst trouble you ever got in: Pulling the fire alarm in church
- Favorite Holiday: Christmas
- Favorite Ice Cream flavor: Cookies and Cream
- What is your life's theme song: "Caress me down" by Sublime
- Quote to live by: "Super duper" by Ron B Burgundy
- Most memorable moment: Beating Assumption in football and going to state for basketball
- Most embarrassing Moment: Liz Harris breaking my nose in 6th grade with her lunch box.
- Hobbies: Sports, fishing, hanging out with friends
- Favorite Color: Blue
- Favorite Movie: "Boondock Saints" and "Anchorman"
- Favorite actor/actress: Vince Vaughn and Will Ferrell
- Most admired person: My parents
- Fav. Cartoon Character: Leonardo the blue Ninja Turtle
- Favorite "Friends" Character: Joey
- Activities at North Scott: Play football in college, coach and teach
- Life after North Scott: Play football in college, coach and teach

Hotel Rwanda best true story of the year

Dan Schaub
GUEST REPORTER

This season has seen a biopic craze plotting the courses of several men, like an eccentric piano player (Ray), a flight obsessed millionaire (The Aviator) an a charismatic singer (Beyond The Sea) but few of these films have the breed of tale or the pure drama that is told in the film Hotel Rwanda about a hotel manager who took in hundreds of African refugees and stood up for them defiantly and protected them while putting his own life in peril.

The truth may be clouded over in translation as it is put into film so the following is the confirmation of the true story. On April 4, 1994 Paul Rusesbagina took in hundreds of mostly Tutsi and Hutu refugees fleeing genocide from Hutu firing squads at his luxury hotel, Mille Collines. Rusesbagina could offer no real protection or defense save the political connections he held through his hotel. On April 15, during an interview with Belgian reporter, sent out a plea for help from the Hutu attackers. The Rwandan authorities responded by sending National Police to guard the hotel. Later, on April 23 and May 13, threats were made on Rusesbagina and the inhabitants of Mille Collines but through his connections no one ever attacked and political pressure was forced onto the attackers. With Rusesbagina's help, all of the people who took refuge inside of Mille Collines survived as well as several nearby resistances.



Cheadle wows audiences in a powerful real-life drama

The new film stars Don Cheadle (Ocean's Twelve) and directed by Terry George (The Boxer) who both worked closely with Ru Sesbagina to study and make the film as authentic and true as possible. During pre-production Rusesbagina also supervised the construction of the script while also being present for filming. "I have been approached by many different moviemakers since 1996," Rusesbagina says, "....Until I met Terry (George), and then we came to our agreement. I followed the movie right from the beginning."

Cheadle later studied Rusesbagina for weeks before filming began to get the feel and mannerism of his subject. "Whenever I take a part, I'm kind of insecure about the work," Cheadle admits, "I never just think, 'I'm going to knock this one out of the park.' I'm always concerned that I'm doing the right thing."

The nearest theater that Hotel Rwanda is playing at, sadly, is in Chicago so when it is released on DVD or if it shows at the Brew and View theater be sure to check it out.

Warped tours, must see

Tim Langan
REPORTER

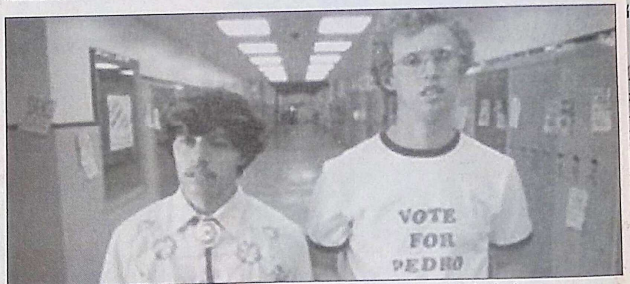
Many people have heard of the Vans Warped Tour, for those who haven't heard of The Warped Tour, it's an all day long punk concert with over a hundred bands that play at over fifty cities across the U.S. and the tour lasts a little over two months. Go to Warpedtour.com to check it out. The Taste of Chaos Tour is a new emo/heavy metal band concert.

The Taste of Chaos Tour was created by members from the Warped Tour. Kevin Lyman is the tour producer for the Taste of Chaos Tour and the Warped Tour. During the past Warped Tours Lyman, Derryl Eaton, John Reese, and Paul Gomez asked fans what they thought would make the Warped Tour better.

The result is the Taste of Chaos Tour. One of the new things on the Chaos Tour is that the have an acoustic stage. The bands that are playing the acoustic stage are: Bleeding the Stage, Nicky P. and Opiate for the Masses.

Aragon Ballroom in Chicago, IL is one of the closer cities on the tour from the Quad Cities. The price for a ticket is $22.50 and the date is May 9th, doors open at 6:00 p.m.

You can buy tickets at ticketmaster.com and at tasteofchaostour.com. For more information on the tour go to tasteofchaostour.com or tasteofdhaos.com



Day in the life of a typical High School nerd, Napoleon proves not so typical.
Contributed Photo

Napoleon rocks, vote for Pedro

Napoleon Dynamite is a movie that is interesting in itself as it was an independent movie that, although wasn't popular in the theaters, sold millions when it came out on DVD.

Napoleon Dynamite movie about a high school student, who isn't very popular. His brother is training to be a cage-match fighter, his uncle is obsessed with finding a way to travel through time to go back to his high school football team and his grandma is a 55 year old year lady who goes riding on a dune buggy. Weird Family.

Napoleon's main goal in life is to impress the hot chicks in school and impress them to go to the dance with him. That is about when the hilarity starts. For example: When Napoleon is going to ask a girl to the dance, he decides to draw her a picture. Well, this picture turns out to be really...ummm...interesting to say the least.

What the movie tries to do is show how people who are different than everyone else get treated at school, except they do it with a comical outlook on everything.

People who like comedies that make a joke a bout almost everything in life, this is the kind of movie for them. Napoleon makes fun of people getting rejected, getting hurt, or just plain stupid through the whole entire movie. A definite must for a DVD collection.

A great new novel, Baldacci's "Hour Game" takes less than hours to read

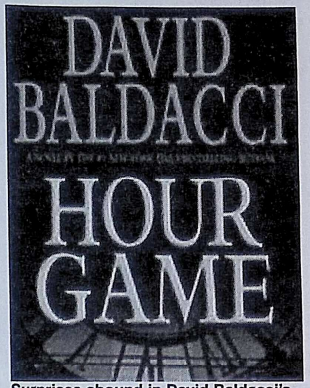
Cate Watkins
REPORTER

David Baldacci's new novel, "Hour Game", is another decent read from an excellent author. Baldacci has ten novels out, and his newest novel, Hour Game, is full of action right from the start.

In Hour Game, a small town in Virginia begins to see a string of murders, all bearing the signs of different famous serial killers from the past. As the bodies begin to piles up, FBI forces and private detectives begin to gather clues to solve the crime... The only problem is, the killer seems to know exactly what they'll be looking for, and there are no clues left behind at each murder. As the murder count goes up, so does the risk for those investigating the string, including the main characters, Michelle Maxwell and Sean King, the private investigators.

The characterizations for this book were amazing- the characters were believable, and seemed to have depth to them, as compared to some characters in books who are just... well, dull. These characters were realistic, and likeable to readers, which is sometimes hard to achieve with widely-read novels.

This book is fast-paced, keeping the reader involved through out the book. From the sections where the reader gets to look into the mind of the killer, they can't tell who it is, nor the reason behind each of these killings. There are also various twists and turns in the plot, making this a complex yet thrilling read. The book is interesting throughout, and alludes to historical serial killers, which may interest any history buffs of this type.



Surprises abound in David Baldacci's new novel "Hour Game"

'In Good Company' surprises audiences

Lindsey Epkes
FINE ARTS EDITOR

'In Good Company, starring Dennis Quaid and Topher Grace, proves that just when you think life has gotten predictable, think again-- chances are life has surprises in store that no one anticipated or wanted.

In Good Company tells the story of a young rising corporate success Carter Duryea (Grace) who takes over Dan Foreman's (Quaid) position as the top ad executive in his company. While Dan Foreman's professional career takes a tumble over his demotion Carter's personal life begins to fall to pieces when his unfaithful wife asks for a divorce. Starving for some companionship Carter soon invites himself over to Dan's for dinner where he meets Dan's daughter Alex played by Scarlet Johansson. During his first encounter a chemistry is established that later leads into their chance meeting on the street causing many more and a relationship without Dan's knowledge. Through his relationship with Dan and Alex, Carter begins to realize what his life is missing, and Dan teaches Carter that people matter more than the job. However, once Dan finds out about his daughter's secret relationship with his boss troubles begin erupt for Alex and Carter.

The best part about this movie was that every time an assumption was made in the plot line that something unpredictable would occur to contradict the predictions. Even though some plot twists may disappoint some audience members overall the twists and turns only add to the film's pure originality and appeal.Through its subtle comedy and ironies.

Co-stars Dennis Quaid and Topher Grace have an altercation in this great romantic comedy

Girls pump up the jam at practice, games

Lindsey Epkes
REPORTER

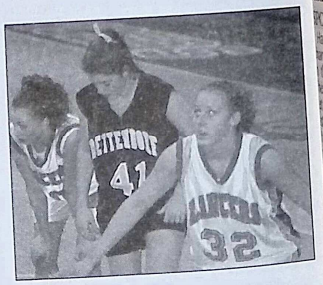
PUMP THE JAM

Our lady Lancers are demanding the attention of parents, students, and the community alike with their superior team efforts, the girls are prepared to take center court to prove their power. However, its taken a lot of practice, determination, and fun to get where they are today.

With team dinners every Thursday, team sleepovers, and plenty of energized practices it's no wonder this team is more of a family. The team's motto sums it all up: We are one. When the team members were asked for one word to d Describe their team the words together, crazy, unique, one, wild, and fun quickly leap to mind to describe this peppy, dedicated, hungry for another victory team. Throughout their seasons these girls have formed lasting memories that will never leave them. Favorite memories like Kristy Schroeder's whenever "Anna Engler and Katy Boll like to break it down on the bus for away games" or Brianna Wallace's favorite memory from "the bus when Steph was telling a long worthless story and Kristy was doing the same hand actions copying her for like ten minutes. Literally the whole ride home and I even took a picture and she still didn't notice." Mixed among other favorite memories of going to State, Anna's head injury, or Katy Boll running into chairs its clear that these girls one: can find humor in their teammates injuries and two: have formed strong bonds between them. With an equal balance of goofing around and hard work these girls not only steal the games leaving the crowd cheering but they also have a deep love of this game.

Under the strong leadership of Brianna Wallace and Stephanie Leibold this team has not only learned the finer points of strong leaders but also the finer points to having fun. Considering when asked who was the craziest girl on the team Stephanie, a team Captain was overwhelming voted craziest with seven of the fifteen votes. Closely behind was Laura Bjurstrom with five out of fifteen votes for craziest team member. However, the fun needs to end somewhere, right? Not quite. When its time t %o get serious these girls buckle down, pop in their team song, turn up the volume, and "Pump the Jam." Singing and dancing to "Pump the Jam" is one of the strictest of their pre-game rituals and is performed before they take the court each game. With an 11-4 record the Pumping the Jams must be working.

Other crucial words of wisdom that influence this team towards victories include, "Offense sells tickets, defense wins games" and "Put a band aide on it."With these encouraging words in mind the girls continue to Pump the Jam on the court.



Cake auction tonight in the Pit be there or be,

well you know

February Sports Calendar

February 1
6:30 9th GBB @ Musc.
6pm GBB H vs PV
7pm BBB H vs Musc
February 3
5:30 pm JV/V WR @ Lisbon
7pm 9th BBB H vs Clinton Red
7pm 9th GBB H vs Clinton Red
February 4
6pm S/V BBB @ Central
6pm S/V GBB H vs Central
February 5
9:30am V WR H vs Mac Conf
February 7
7pm 9th BBB H vs Assumption
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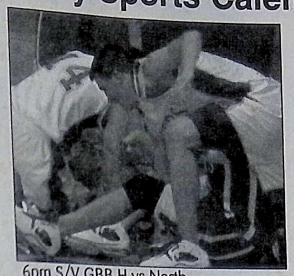
February 8



6pm S/V GBB H vs North
6pm S/V BBB @ North
February 10
6pm JV/V WR @ West w/North
7pm 9th BBB @ Assumption
7pm 9th GBB H vs. Central
February 11
6pm V G & B BB H vs Musc
9am 9th B/G BB Lancer Inv.
9am S WR @ Bett/Mac Conf
February 14
7pm JV BBB @ DeWitt
February 15
6pm S/V BBB @ PV
February 18
6pm S/V BBB H vs Burl
February 19
12 noon - V WR Districts
February 22
6pm S/V BBB @ Geneseo

February 23
State Wrestling
February 24
State Wrestling
February 25
State Wrestling
6pm S/V BBB @ Assumption
February 26
State Wrestling

Christmas comes twice a year for football fans everywhere

Andrew Mitchell
SPORTS REPORTER

Hallelujah! The Eagles finally won the NFC championship game. It certainly was not a shot in the dark with no experience win though. They have had plenty of time and practice to get ready for their win on the 23rd. Like the three years worth of practice.

It was a long hard road back to the Super Bowl for Philadelphia fans, but after nearly a quarter of a century the Philadelphia Eagles will once again play in the game of all games. For the first time since 1980, Philly has a chance to be the to World Champions.

There is just that one little tiny problem in the opponent. They are scheduled to play the best team from a much better AFC Conference. They play a team that has a record of 31-2 in the last 33 games. That includes last years playoffs and Super Bowl.

The Patriots are the defending World Champions and have owned that title two of the three years. The people and franchise in New England are building a dynasty to reside in the cold cold of Foxboro. The problem is nobody can seem to stop them from doing it. It becomes an even heavier burden from here on young man who is 8-0 when it counts leads this team of champions. Tom Brady not only has two beautiful rings but two Super Bowl MVP trophies to go with the rings.

If all this wasn't enough top discourage a team who was just happy to finally make it to the game, the Patriots are led by a football mastermind, who experts are already starting to call the best coach ever.

Bill Billichick has invented, coached and executed a specified game scheme to shut down every offense he sees. He recently shut down probable MVP Peyton Manning and the highest scoring team in the NFL, Indianapolis, to the tune of three points. The following week he dismantled rookie sensation Ben Rothlisberger and 15-1 Pittsburgh.

However, Philly plays some great defense too. They are coming of a win that included shutting down the most prolific player the game has ever seen in Mike Vick.

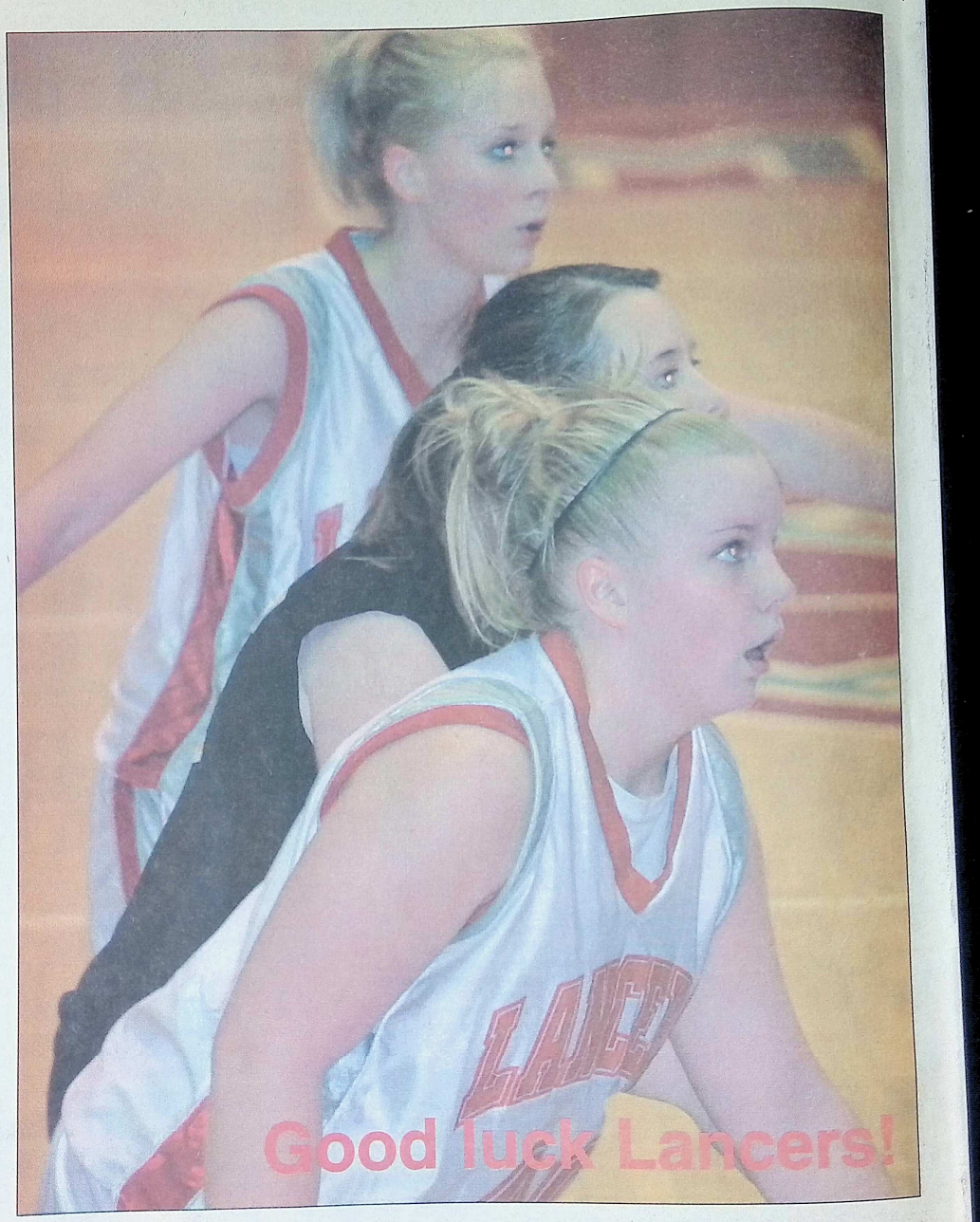
So what does the Super Bowl hold for its players and viewers? As of now it appears to be a blue-collar knockout fight with both teams having an "Anything you can do I can do better" attitude. There does not appear to be that much flash in the game.

That depends on whether a certain camera friendly flash bulb plays. If Terrell Owens is cleared to play, the attitude surrounding the game will most likely change. Now we have to wonder of pre-game press conferences to provoke outspoken safety Rodney Harrison and the rest of the Patriots defense.

Will Donovan McNabb define his great career with that win that goes hand and hand with greatness? Or will the record setting happen for Billichick on the other sideline? With this win, he could tie legendary Vince Lombardi's Super Bowl win record of three, placing himself on the level with the best ever.

I believe this will be the most entertaining Super Bowl in years, which may require one more Adam Vinatieri game winner. The difference in this game is the running backs. Corey Dillon for the Patriots and Philadelphia's Brian Westbrook will decide Super Bowl XXIX.

So grab a chair and throw a party, because it's almost Super Bowl Sunday, the grown man's Christmas and it only comes once a year. And if I'm wrong and the game is a blowout, at least the commercials should be entertaining at 2.5 million dollars per 30 seconds of airtime.


Good luck Lancers!